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Major General Charles A. Willoughby

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~~Dear General Willoughby~~

I want to thank you for your letter of June 6th and express my regrets for my oversight in failing to reply to your note of December 3rd of last year.

Your remarks on your experiences in Venezuela and other South American countries were most interesting. In returning to that area you will have an unusual opportunity to observe and evaluate the tremendous progress that has taken place there. Venezuela has apparently succeeded in evolving from a backward and isolated country in the early 1930's to become one of the most prosperous and modern nations in Latin America today.

I am particularly appreciative of your thoughts of further service to your country, but we have no specific tasks of such importance at this moment in Venezuela as to require your extraordinary talents. I shall continue to bear in mind your friendly offer and in the event that an interesting occasion should arise, I will call on you.

If you would be able to see me on your return from South America I would be most interested in hearing your observations and impressions of your trip.

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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Major General Charles A. Willoughby

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Dear General Willoughby:

This is a follow-up to my brief note of June 14 thanking you for your previous correspondence and advising you that I would be in further touch with you soon.

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P.S. Thank you for sending the copy of "In the Desert" -- I am looking forward to reading some good escapist literature for a change! *AWD*

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